

WHITMAN INQUIRY CALLED A SCREEN TO COVER SWANN

Senator Robinson and Assemblyman Steinberg Go Before Grand Jury.

MAYOR PROFFERS AID

Hylan Places Services of Any Six Detectives at Disposal of Investigators.

COSTIGAN MAY BE CHOSEN

Ex-Governor Says His Work Will Not Conflict With That of Legislature.

The prevailing question, "What is it all about?" was hardly answered yesterday when the city graft investigation in which Charles S. Whitman figures as special county prosecutor was begun by the additional Grand Jury. Senator Robinson and Assemblyman Steinberg, called upon to state the basis of their charge that the Hylan administration, especially the Police Department, is corrupt, handed to the jury a batch of newspaper clippings and later joined in saying that "the calling of ourselves to testify was a smoke screen to cover up what the District Attorney's office had failed to accomplish in the past years."

Mr. Whitman did not appear in the Grand Jury room or go to the Criminal Courts Building at all until after 4 o'clock, when he was sworn in as a special assistant by District Attorney Swann in the room where the former Governor once sat as chief. Messrs. Robinson and Steinberg were examined by Mr. Swann, with the latter's new chief assistant, Josiah Banton, looking on. This interrogation proving fruitless, Mr. Swann and Mr. Banton left the room for a while.

Along with the Grand Jury, the witnesses, in the classic phrase of the "What is it all about?" This consisted of repetition of the generalized statements of official misconduct made last week in Albany when the Senate and Assemblyman demanded an investigation of the city by a joint committee of the Legislature. They also left with the Grand Jury a bundle of papers which they thought would look into for leads. The Grand Jury then heard a third witness, Arthur D. Howden Smith, a special writer for the New York Evening Post, and adjourned to Monday.

Don Costigan May Aid.

At this stage the inquiry seemed to be running on two flat tires toward no specified destination. But the moment Mr. Whitman reached Mr. Swann's office yesterday he was called to the bench. After he took the oath these facts became known:

Mr. Whitman is not hitting out blindly, but has specific prima facie evidence of criminality which, in the opinion of this experienced investigator, warrants him in going ahead with all the resources he can command.

Authorized by Mayor Hylan to go to District Attorney Swann has offered to the Grand Jury the exclusive services of any six members of the Detective Bureau the jury or its foreman may select. The Mayor also promised to do everything "within reason" that is within his power to aid in the investigation.

Mr. Whitman will insist upon having the help not only of any aid in the District Attorney's office, which Mr. Swann offered, but of assistants and investigators of his choice outside the District Attorney's office and outside the Detective Bureau, to which Mayor Hylan limited his tender.

It is believed that this will be granted; Mr. Swann has already granted it so far as he is concerned. It is then entirely probable that Mr. Whitman will ask for the services, as one of his principal investigators, of Capt. Dan Costigan, transferred from vice squad duty by Commissioner Enright and reduced in rank from an inspectorship, is now assigned to Brownsville.

If Mr. Whitman has his way—and it looks as if he will have his way if he continues to manage the inquiry—the city will behold Honest Dan Costigan, long smarting under the sting of what he believes to be injustice, investigating the administration of his own department under the direction of the man who prosecuted Becker.

Legislative Inquiry Separate.

Seated with Mr. Swann when the reporters entered the District Attorney's office, Mr. Whitman joined him in an earnest disclaimer of any intent to interfere or possibility of interfering with the proposed investigation by the Legislature.

"There will be no interference with any other investigation," Mr. Whitman said. "There is no possible chance of such interference. It is the sworn duty of the District Attorney to investigate any evidence of crime, present the facts to the Grand Jury and prosecute the offender. It is particularly enjoined upon him to investigate charges of corruption in public office."

So far as could be learned Mr. Whitman took little interest in the appearance before the Grand Jury of Senator Theodore Douglas Robinson, Assemblyman Joseph Steinberg and Mr. Smith, the newspaper man. Nor is he a party to the subpoenaing for Monday of Hood MacFarland, city editor, and J. McKenna and John Lawrence, reporters, for the New York Tribune. Mr. Swann caused these men to be called in order to ask them the basis of articles attacking the police administration. Mr. Whitman has in mind more productive lines of inquiry than this.

Two former policemen also have been summoned to go before the Grand Jury on Monday. They are Henry C. Jessup and Edward T. Dalton. Jessup, one of Costigan's men several years ago. Later he and Detective Clinton Woods, assigned to the District Attorney's office, investigated labor cases in the East Side. Jessup was a witness against District Attorney Swann in the hearing in 1917 of charges made by the City Club, which resulted in the exoneration of Mr. Swann of any charge of misconduct. Since leaving the department he has written several articles for a newspaper, dealing with police affairs.

HARDING SEES AID IN PRAYER.

Bridgport, Conn., Jan. 7.—"Prayer is a dominant factor for a successful life," wrote President-elect Harding to the Rev. Benjamin Root, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, R. I., letter received today. The question had been asked of Mr. Harding as to what he considered constituted "success."

Cornet Puts Harding in Mystic Shrine Band

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 7.—With 250 other candidates President-elect Harding to-night became a member of the Mystic Shrine. Recalling his having demonstrated his ability on the tuba during the campaign an Indianapolis musical instrument firm presented to Senator Harding a silver cornet following the ceremonies and he was made an honorary member of the Aladdin Temple Band.

HARDING CONFERS WITH A. W. MELLE

Pittsburg Banker Gives His Views on Economic and Financial Affairs.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, MAHON, Ohio, Jan. 7.—Andrew W. Mellen, Pittsburg banker, who has been recommended to Senator Harding by Senators Penrose and Knox of Pennsylvania for Secretary of the Treasury, spent an hour with the President-elect to-day. His visit naturally revived gossip about the President-elect's ultimate choice for the Treasury post. The situation remains where it has for several weeks. Charles G. Dawes of Chicago, tentatively invited, lacks only the President-elect's formal notification.

"Senator Harding and myself have been discussing a wide range of both economic and financial affairs," said Mr. Mellen. "They have embraced pretty much everything from banking to shipping and from financial affairs of the government to industrial and labor concerns."

"No, we have not devoted any time to the consideration of international questions. I have such entire confidence in the Senator's wisdom, in the course he is following as regards these, that I have not assumed to venture any suggestions."

Another Pennsylvanian who conferred with Senator Harding to-day was Joseph R. Grundy of Bristol, president of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association. Mr. Grundy is a Penrose lieutenant.

Andrew Squires of Cleveland, a leading Ohio lawyer and officer of various financial, railroad and industrial companies, talked with Senator Harding about the future of the Panama Canal. Mr. Squires for many years has taken a deep interest in the canal, and he presented some views as to its proper administration.

Mr. Huelster of Cleveland passed a half hour with Senator Harding discussing American relations to the Near East and problems involving the relief of distress in various parts of that area. Mr. Huelster is the Ohio director of the Near East Relief Committee.

The packers' fight against Henry C. Wallace of Iowa came to a head when Edward W. Forister of St. Louis, one of Missouri's delegates at large to the Republican National Convention, headed a delegation from Missouri, including C. E. Case, editor of the Missouri Democrat, and John A. Baker, prominent in Missouri farm organizations, to present to Mr. Harding indorsements of Sherman P. Houston of Missouri for the position of Secretary of Agriculture.

Mr. Houston is a college graduate with a law degree, a practical farmer, conducting personally the biggest farm in the State of Missouri, president of several banks, prominently identified with food conservation during the war and connected with all charitable works in Missouri.

Offers to Resign.

One of the first important changes in a big department may be in the highway office. Col. Frederick Stuart Greene has conferred with Gov. Miller and has announced that he will offer his resignation if the Governor asks it. The

Gen. March Will Be Chief of Staff in Inaugural Parade.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Major-Gen. Peyton C. March, chief of staff of the army, will act as chief of staff for Gen. Pershing, grand marshal of the inaugural parade here March 4. At Gen. Pershing's invitation also, Major-Gen. Peter C. Harris, adjutant general of the army, will serve as adjutant general of the grand marshal.

The War Department is making preparations for all troops within motor transport distance of the Capital, including the entire Seventh Division, now assembling at Camp Meade, to take part in the parade, in addition to the West Point cadet corps and the midshipmen from Annapolis.

KANSAS WILL FIGHT NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE

State Body Proposed to Combat Townley's Activities.

SALINA, Kan., Jan. 7.—Efforts to form a State organization to oppose the activities of A. C. Townley and other Non-Partisan League leaders in Kansas will be made at a meeting here next Monday. It was announced today. Telegrams were sent to Kansas Legion posts to-day asking each to send an ex-service man and one other citizen to attend the meeting. Henry J. Allen was invited to attend. Announced plans call for the establishment of headquarters at Salina, from which a State campaign against the Non-Partisan League will be conducted.

A. C. Townley, head of the Non-Partisan League, who with a group of assistants has established headquarters in Salina for the purpose of inducing Kansas farmers to enter the league, said to-day that he had not intended carrying on a speechmaking campaign, but that the public demanded it.

Townley has announced a meeting for next Monday night, when, he said to-day, he would "tell of the things the Non-Partisan League stands for, what the league has accomplished, and what it can accomplish in North Dakota if permitted to follow out its original plans." The Non-Partisan forces have established a newspaper here.

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Feel Encouraged by Stand of Secretary of State Against Economy.

WILL START BACKFIRE

Little Politicians to Bring Pressure on Senators and Assemblymen.

THEIR FAILURE FORECAST

Governor Will Win in Show-down by Getting Leaders' Help, Is Belief.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, Albany, Jan. 7.

The stand made by John J. Lyons, Secretary of State, against having his office stripped of power in pursuance of the Governor's reconstruction policy has encouraged the office holders whose positions are threatened and some politicians to start a backfire in the hope of making trouble in the Senate and Assembly when the economy bills are presented.

None of the State or county leaders except Mr. Lyons has declared open opposition to the Governor's policy, but mutterings of discontent are being heard to-day in every office and public place. Those who thought a week ago that the Governor's promises to revamp the State government and cut out waste were the usual political talk now are frightened out of their wits.

Little Politicians Belligerent.

The leaders who are talking fight for the most part are the little politicians who look after patronage for their county organizations. Their method of trying to stop the Governor will be to bring pressure to bear from back home on the Senators and Assemblymen.

There are growing evidences that the Governor is going to have a hard time to get through all his reform program. Some of his supporters said to-day that as the Governor had asked for so much he is now in a strong strategic position and could readily compromise in the event of the opposition developing much strength.

While there are mutterings of protest from little politicians, who say the Governor is going to ruin the State organization if he carries out his programme, the belief here is that the levelheaded leaders of the party are prepared to accept the demand, how so public sentiment and give the Governor what he asks. It is going to be a hard blow to some factions of the party, but the best guess here is that when it comes to a showdown in the Legislature the organization will force through the Governor's bill.

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Governor was asked to-day if he had requested Col. Greene's resignation. He replied that any information on that subject must come from the Highway Commissioner.

Col. Greene said later that he would not resign until requested to do so. As soon as he can get time to make a survey of the Highway Department the Governor is expected to give much attention to this important branch and then in all probability make the anticipated change in its management.

Herbert S. Sisson, head of the State Excise Department, which is to be abolished, is a candidate for the highway job. He has announced that while he has not talked to the Governor about it his name has been presented to the Executive by his friends. He has powerful political backing. Among the leaders said to be urging his appointment are State Chairman George Glynn and Fred Grodner, the Erie county Republican boss. Mr. Sisson is a prominent Republican leader of Buffalo.

Members of the Legislature with the exception of the leaders went home last night, but the half dozen men who run the Senate and Assembly continued in conference all day with the Bill Drafting Commission, speeding up the work of preparing the numerous measures, which will embody the Governor's recommendations. The leaders went home this evening. Gov. Miller will go to New York to-morrow.

Adjutant-Gen. J. Leslie Kincaid, one of the first appointees of Gov. Miller, is already putting into effect the retirement policy. He announced to-day that he had cut life force from forty to thirty-five, among those to go being one chief of a bureau. The tentative budget for the coming fiscal year requested \$1,021,161 for military purposes. Adjutant-Gen. Kincaid has cut this to \$625,750, which is less than the appropriation asked in 1915 before the war. The appropriation for that fiscal year was \$658,860.

In accordance to the Governor's recommendation that no State automobiles be used for joy riding, the Adjutant-General has had five cars owned by his department collected at the State Arsenal in New York. Four will be put out of commission until needed by the National Guard with soldier drivers. All the cars are to be marked with the seal of State.

DUNTON TO SHAKE THINGS UP.

On his appointment as Superintendent of Highways of the Borough of Queens by Borough President Connolly yesterday, Frederick W. Dunton of Hollis said he "intended to shake things up."

Mr. Dunton, who succeeds Dr. John J. Kindred, Representative-elect, was for many years connected with his uncle, Austin Corbin, in the management of the Long Island Railroad. He was one of the good roads pioneers.

QUARANTINE AT HAMMONTON.

An order closing all the schools in Hammonton, N. J., was issued yesterday by the Board of Health of that city because of the number of cases of scarlet fever reported there. The quarantine will affect 2,000 children. It also forbids them attending school, church services, motion picture performances and other public gatherings. A dozen homes have already been put under quarantine.

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Bags at \$7.50

include some of pearl gray and brown duvetyne—not much in demand. Also velvet bags. Metal frames. These bags sold at much higher prices earlier in the season.

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Lovers of this glass will find this sale an extraordinary event, and will be delighted to find bits of this glass they never hoped to procure for less than the original price.

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Small opaque glass candlesticks in several colors, \$3 pair.

Dark green hexagonal bottles with yellow birds on their stoppers, \$2 each.

Very large hexagonal pale green bottles with lovely nosegays on their stoppers, \$7.50 each.

Another size, smaller, of hexagonal bottles with flower stoppers, \$5 each.

Graceful bowls with short stems, suitable for holding fruit or flowers, in pale amber with an edge of color, \$1.50.

Flat shallow bowls for holding fruit, \$3.50 and \$3.75.

Large bowls for centre dishes in pale green with colored edge, \$17.50.

Large flat bowls suitable for centre dishes, \$6.

Large compotes with curving sides and short stems, also larger compotes in another shape made with straight sides in pale amber with edge of color, \$5 each.

Finger bowls at \$14 for set of six.

Little dark green hexagonal covered jars with birds on their covers, \$1.50 each.

Large covered compotes in lovely shapes and topped with fruit, \$6.25.

Aquarium or flower holders in the shape of elephants, \$7.50 each.

Covered jars with pear on cover, \$10.

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